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SUBJECT: TSVANGIRAI ASKS MWANAWASA FOR SADC ASSISTANCE

Classified By: Ambassador James D. McGee for reason 1.4 (d)

¶1. (C) MDC advisor Strive Masiyiwa told the Ambassador on May 22 that he and MDC president Morgan Tsvangirai had met May 21 in Lusaka with Zambian president Levy Mwanawasa and other high-ranking Zambian officials. Tsvangirai requested that SADC convene an emergency summit to discuss the security situation and SADC observation in Zimbabwe.

¶2. (C) Mwanawasa told Tsvangirai that TICAD IV in Tokyo, to begin next week, made convocation of a summit difficult. He said he would try to hold a meeting on the issue of SADC observation with his SADC colleagues on the margins of TICAD IV. Mwanawasa, referring to the SADC Communique issued after SADC's April 13 Extraordinary Summit in Lusaka, said he supported SADC observation and believed SADC could send as many observers as it wished. He also said SADC would take (unspecified) measures to guarantee Tsvangirai's safety in Zimbabwe.

¶3. (C) According to Masiyiwa, Mwanawasa's interest in Tsvangirai's request was piqued when one of his ministers during the meeting informed him that recently over 800 Zimbabwean military deserters had entered Zambia. Mwanawasa expressed concern about potential crime problems.

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